

## BASEBALL—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BOXING

Wash day is an appropriate time to place a little attention on the Jack Johnson-Jess Willard fight for the heavyweight championship, to be held in Havana, Cuba, April 5.

Down in the island, at least, the impending bout is attracting much attention and the Cuban president and officials make frequent visits to the camps of the rival heavies. Here in America there is some interest, mixed with a large amount of skepticism over the outcome.

Some of Johnson's past performances cannot be forgotten, and we have seen Willard. And any follower of the fight game knows that if Johnson is in anything like fighting condition he can polish Willard off easily and never unduly exert himself in the achievement.

Should Willard win he will have the black man's manner of life to thank, more than his own prowess. There is little doubt that Jack has been going the pace since leaving this country, and pictures taken in the training camp show him as a very ordinary and very fat looking colored man, with no trace of the athlete in his architecture.

These pictures were taken within the week, and with only a week more to train Johnson's task is big. There lies Willard's hope. If he can catch the champion out of condition he will win. But if by some miracle the black happens to be even near his old form Mr. Willard can go back to punching cows and give up trying to punch his way to the top of the heavyweight head.

That let's us out on this fight. It isn't a question of Willard's ability, but Johnson's lack of it.

Lindsey and Hartley of New Haven, Conn., oppled 1,270 pins in the national bowling tournament at Peoria to take third place. The New Haven team dropped 2,892 pins for a high place in the five-man event.

Bob Fisher, Cub shortstop, must be nursed along carefully if he is to be in condition to play in the first game of the National league campaign, April 14. Fisher is farther back than any other member of the Bresnahan troop, and both Phelan and Corriden are being groomed with a view to undertaking the short-stopping business during the opening days of the season.

Fisher's arm is so stiff that he has trouble throwing the ball across the diamond. The majority of his pegs to Saier are sent over on the bounce and their accuracy is always in doubt. The pain is so intense that the shortstop has trouble lifting his arm above his shoulder. On several occasions other athletes have been called in to help him dress.

Three days remain to be put in at Tampa. Then comes the exhibition tour north, through a colder climate than Florida. That will not help Fisher to work the soreness out of the throwing limb. There is a bare possibility that Manager Bresnahan will remove him from the lineup on the trip north and attempt to-boil out the arm. There is another chance that Fisher may be left in the warm climate of Florida until three or four days before the opening day to get the benefits he can secure from the rest.

Before his arm stiffened Fisher was doing excellent work for early spring. His batting being particularly pleasing. His loss in the first stages of the pennant fight would be a heavy blow to Cub hopes.

Jim Vaughn is also suffering from stiffness in his pitching arm, but it is believed that it can be thawed out in a few days.

No more games are scheduled for Tampa and the time will be employed running bases. In the Louisville series the work of some of the Cubs on the paths was exceedingly raw and